

Thursday, November 4, 1999

Open season nears for changes to federal employees' health coverage



1999 Combined Federal Campaign wraps up on high note

▲ **Federal Employees Health Benefits** Open Season runs from Nov. 8 to Dec. 13 for those who wish to make a change in their plan coverage. Additional details can be found at the following Web site – www.opm.gov/insure. Changes will be effective January 2, 2000.

▲ **This year's Combined Federal Campaign**, the annual time for federal employees to reach out and help those in need around Brevard County, the nation, and worldwide, ended on a high note. NASA-KSC Federal Employees, including those assigned to KSC Resident Offices and the OIG Office, generously contributed in excess of \$242,000, far exceeding the assigned dollar goal of \$216,000. They truly lived up to this year's Campaign slogan, *"Those who care, share!"* This year's CFC Victory Celebration Picnic will be combined with the KSC Holiday Celebration to be held next month.

◆ **The KSC 2000 Team** continues to encourage everyone to visit the KSC 2000 Web Site for information on the Team's efforts and progress. Just go to the KSC Internal Home Page and click on **KSC2000** under **Major Projects/KSC's Future**. Also, you can send your questions and ideas via e-mail by selecting **KSC2000Web** from the MS Exchange global address list. The team looks forward to receiving your comments, suggestions and ideas, and having a continuing dialog with you. Remember the four basic tenets:

- Existing work must continue safely and successfully.
- No employee will lose his or her civil service status, but some may have new opportunities to assure our future as a Center.
- Our customers need us to be successful.

- We want and need your input, understanding, and full support.

Also, look for an interview with Joe Gordon, team member and director of KSC Public Affairs, about the KSC 2000 team in the Friday, Nov. 12 issue of *Spaceport News*.

◆ **The International Space Station** will be the subject of the Nov. 19 luncheon of the National Space Club, Florida Committee. Brewster Shaw, Boeing vice president and general manager, International Space Station, will be guest speaker. The luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at La Cita Country Club in Titusville. Reservations can be placed with Judy Casper at 459-1067. Individual tickets are \$16, with corporate tables of eight available for \$150 each.

◆ **NMA Chapter Meeting:** Stephen M. Francois, NASA's director of Space Station and Shuttle Payloads, will be the featured speaker at the next dinner meeting of the United Space Alliance and Boeing chapters of the National Management Association. The meeting is at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 10, at the Great Outdoors Country Club in Titusville. Francois' presentation is "New Birth - New Era 2000." Ticket deadline is Friday, Nov. 5. Members of other NMA chapters are welcome to attend, as well as non-NMA members. Please contact Darryl Robertson at 861-0707 for ticket information, or by e-mail at darryl.a.robertson@usago.ksc.gov.

◆ **Did You Know?** Brevard Community College (BCC) Spring schedules will soon be available, including in the lobbies of the larger buildings at KSC. Contact Vickie Stephens with registration questions via e-mail. at stephensv@brevard.cc.fl.us.

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